

WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting
April 15, 2025

Mr. Bagstad, District Board Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Western Technical College District to order at 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at Western Technical College, 220 S. Main St., Viroqua, WI. Board members present: R. Alderson, L. Bagstad, C. Doering III (3:30 p.m. arrival), M. Greendeer-Rave (2:30 p.m. arrival, 5:00 p.m. dismissed), A. Lawrence, K. Peterson, M. Skarlupka, M. Wolf, and R. Stanford, President. Excused: K. Hennessey

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on April 10, 10:17 a.m., and the agenda was distributed to interested persons, sent to the district's official newspaper (The La Crosse Tribune), and distributed to other news media throughout the district in compliance with Wisconsin Statutes, Sections 19.81-19.98.

Others present were J. Pintz, W. Hackbarth, R. Hopkins, A. Thornton, J. Heath, C. Heit, D. Hether, K. Reyburn, and J. Schriener (Western employees), and Janie Felton (future board member).

Motion Lawrence, seconded by Wolf, to approve the resolution of commendation, Scott Erdman, Lilly Kosier, Lori Kramer, Cindy Prindle, Pam Solberg, and Debra Wendland. Votes: 6 Ayes, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.
Attachments: A, B, C, D, E, and F.

The board members heard an update from the new and returning Student Government executives and information about what they have done and will be doing in the upcoming academic year. Hackbarth and Heit provided the annual budget update. No action was taken.

Motion Peterson seconded by Lawrence, that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following consent items as presented: 1. Minutes – a. March 18, 2025, District Board Regular Meeting. 2. Financial Reports: a. Vendors over \$2,500-Mar 2025; b. Capital Projects-Mar 2025; c. General Rev/Exp Report-Mar 2025; d. Dept Budget-Mar 2025; e. Enterprise-Mar 2025. 2. Project Submissions – a.WAT Grants FY2025-25. 3. Policies – a. E0713 Children on Campus (second read), b. G0102 Artificial Intelligence (second read). Votes: Ayes, 8, Opposed 0, Abstain 0. Motion carried.

Roll call approval: Motion Skarlupka and seconded by Peterson to approve 1. Resolutions Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of \$1,785,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025D, of Western Technical College District, Wisconsin. Doering, Y; Greendeer-Rave, Y; Peterson, Y; Alderson, Y; Skarlupka, Y; Lawrence, Y; Bagstad, Y; Wolf, Y.

President's Report: President Stanford shared reminders of upcoming meetings, thanked those who attended optional events, and shared an update on the Wanek Center of Innovation.

District Board Chairperson's report: Chairperson Bagstad shared an update on the District Boards Association, the new executive team, and his experience at the Student Ambassador Banquet.

5:11 p.m. Motion Wolf, seconded by Doering, to move into closed session. Roll Call: Alderson, Y; Bagstad, Y; Doering, Y; Lawrence, Y; Peterson, Y; Skarlupka, Y; Wolf, Y; Motion carried.

5:19 p.m. Motion to Adjourn Alderson seconded by Peterson. Votes: Ayes, 7, Opposed 0, Abstain 0. Motion carried.


Ken Peterson, District Board Secretary



Western Technical College

Resolution of Commendation to **Scott Erdman**

Whereas, Scott Erdman, Building Construction & Cabinet Making Instructor, will retire from Western Technical College on April 21, 2025, after 21 years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Scott has served as a steadfast guide during the pivotal early term of the program, instilling in students the foundational skills, safety standards, and work ethic essential to their long-term success; and

Whereas, his meticulous craftsmanship, honed through years of cabinetmaking, elevated the instructional experience, empowering students to produce custom installations of professional caliber within mere weeks; and

Whereas, he has been a collaborative leader, instrumental in reimagining and revitalizing the program in both 2016 and 2022, demonstrating vision, perseverance, and a strong commitment to excellence; and

Whereas, his deep ties to the industry, coupled with a profound understanding of evolving trends in design and production, positioned the program at the forefront of the field; and

Whereas, Scott's insight, integrity, and institutional memory have left an impressive mark on the program and his colleagues alike, be it

Resolved, that the Board of the Western Technical College District hereby expresses its appreciation and gives a special commendation to Scott Erdman for his years of service and his commitment to excellence; and be it

Resolved, that the Western Technical College District Board, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students all wish Scott many happy and satisfying years in his retirement.

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Lance Bagstad, Chair

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Resolution of Commendation to **Lilly Kosir**

Whereas, Lilly Kosir, Bio-Medical Electronics Instructor, will retire from Western Technical College on April 21, after completing 19+ years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, throughout her tenure, Lilly has demonstrated unwavering dedication to student success, consistently leading with integrity, professionalism, and a deep commitment to excellence in technical education; and

Whereas, Lilly brought to her work a unique blend of practicality, resourcefulness, and multitasking ability, bridging the classroom and workforce with a traditional yet highly effective teaching approach; and

Whereas, she maintained strong, collaborative relationships across departments and with clinical partners across the state, fostering student opportunities and ensuring a comprehensive, career-ready education; and

Whereas, her leadership, though quiet and humble, has been steady and deeply impactful—earning the respect and admiration of her colleagues and students alike; and

Whereas, Lilly's presence as the heart and face of the Bio-Medical Electronics program for nearly two decades has left an enduring legacy marked by outstanding job placement and countless successful alumni; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of the Western Technical College District hereby expresses its appreciation and gives a special commendation to Lilly Kosir for her years of service and her commitment to excellence; and be it

Resolved, that the Western Technical College District Board, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students all wish Lilly many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.

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Resolution of Commendation to **Lori Kramer**

Whereas, Lori Kramer, Occupational Therapy Assistant Instructor, will retire from Western Technical College on April 21, after completing 7+ years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Lori has been a passionate advocate for her students, the Occupational Therapy Assistant program, and the broader profession of Occupational Therapy, always placing the needs of others at the forefront of her work; and

Whereas, Lori demonstrated exceptional attention to detail, thoughtfully designing innovative learning activities and fostering potential partnerships that enriched the educational experience and enhanced the strength of the program; and

Whereas, Lori, though often the quiet one in the room, consistently offered unwavering support to her colleagues, contributing to a positive and collaborative work environment without seeking recognition or the spotlight; and

Whereas, Lori cultivated and sustained strong relationships with community and clinical partners both locally and across the state, contributing to meaningful learning opportunities for students and enhancing the college's reputation within the health care community; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of the Western Technical College District hereby expresses its appreciation and gives a special commendation to Lori Kramer for her years of service and her commitment to excellence; and be it

Resolved, that the Western Technical College District Board, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students all wish Lori many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.

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Resolution of Commendation to **Cindy Prindle**

Whereas, Cindy Prindle, IT-Computer Support Specialist Instructor, will retire from Western Technical College, after completing 10+ years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Cindy has consistently demonstrated a team-focused approach, stepping in to support colleagues in times of need, mentoring new faculty members, and generously sharing her work to create a stronger, more cohesive student experience; and

Whereas, Cindy has been a tireless advocate for her program, continuously pushing it forward through creative, student-focused, and community-minded initiatives that have enhanced the quality and relevance of the curriculum; and

Whereas, Cindy brought a unique and compassionate presence to the classroom, including the integration of a therapy dog to create a calming and supportive learning environment for her students; and

Whereas, Cindy's caring heart, empathetic nature, and understanding of life's challenges have allowed her to support students holistically—ensuring they not only meet academic expectations, but also feel seen, heard, and valued as individuals; and

Whereas, Cindy has been a respected and trusted colleague, leading large-scale grant projects designed to bring consistency to the student experience while alleviating the workload of her fellow faculty members; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of the Western Technical College District hereby expresses its appreciation and gives a special commendation to Cindy Prindle for her years of service and her commitment to excellence; and be it

Resolved, that the Western Technical College District Board, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students all wish Cindy many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.

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Resolution of Commendation to **Pam Solberg**

Whereas, Pam Solberg, Communication Skills Instructor, will retire from Western Technical College on April 21, 2025, after more than 17 years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Pam brought care and dedication to her teaching, helping students grow into stronger writers, speakers, and critical thinkers—and always showing up with a deep love for the subject and the people learning it; and

Whereas, she shared her knowledge beyond the classroom, presenting at professional conferences and generously offering new research and ideas with her team; and

Whereas, Pam is known for her kindness, humor, and steady support—always willing to sub a class, lend a resource, or lift someone’s spirits with a smile and the perfect word; and

Whereas, her co-workers admire her not just for what she did, but for how she did it—with grace, curiosity, and a genuine belief in the good in others; and

Whereas, Pam’s joyful presence, commitment to learning, and encouragement of those around her will be deeply missed; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of the Western Technical College District hereby expresses its appreciation and gives a special commendation to Pam Solberg for her years of service and her commitment to excellence; and be it

Resolved, that the Western Technical College District Board, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students all wish Pam many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.

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Resolution of Commendation to **Debbie Wendland**

Whereas, Debbie Wendland, Food Service Production Lead, will retire from Western Technical College on April 30, after completing 46+ years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Debbie was known for her unwavering work ethic, arriving early to prepare for the day, maintaining a smooth and efficient routine, and giving her very best to ensure a positive experience for students, staff, and all Union Market customers; and

Whereas, she brought a unique blend of organization, friendliness, and culinary talent to her work—earning a reputation as an excellent fry cook and a favorite among many for her legendary omelets and scramblers; and

Whereas, Debbie consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to customer service, often greeting returning customers by name or simply knowing “the usual,” and going out of her way to accommodate special requests whenever possible; and

Whereas, her relationships with colleagues were marked by kindness, humor, and true camaraderie—building strong friendships, sharing laughter, and cultivating the kind of positive spirit that made the Union Market feel like a family; and

Whereas, Debbie’s patient guidance and cheerful presence will be deeply missed, especially by her Hubs team, where giggles, smiles, and teamwork were daily staples of her work environment; and

Whereas, her belief in the motto “every student, every day” was not just a saying, but something she lived through her service, her hospitality, and her genuine care for those around her; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of the Western Technical College District hereby expresses its appreciation and gives a special commendation to Debbie Wendland for her years of service and her commitment to excellence; and be it

Resolved, that the Western Technical College District Board, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students all wish Debbie many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.

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